

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2004/05 BUDGET

AGENCY 44 ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MISSION

The mission of the Detroit Zoological Institute (DZI) is: "Celebrating and Saving Wildlife."

DESCRIPTION

The Zoological Institute operates three facilities: the 125-acre Detroit Zoological Park located in the cities of Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, (the Belle Isle Zoo is no longer open to the public but a deer herd is being managed), the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and the Belle Isle Aquarium, the nation's oldest continuously operating freshwater aquarium. In Fiscal Year 2003-04 the Institute assumed responsibility of the Belle Isle Nature Center and began its conversion to the Belle Isle Nature Zoo through programmatic changes and the planning and design of capital renovations.

The Detroit Zoological Institute features 52 major exhibits, representing over 8,766 mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates of 515 species, 98 of which are endangered or threatened, and 8 of which are recognized as extinct in the wild.

The DZI entertains and educates approximately 1,200,000 visitors annually. At the Detroit Zoo, over 2,000 parking spaces are available to zoo visitors in both surface lots and covered structures. Also available are five refreshment stands and five gift shops. Visitors to the Detroit Zoo may also elect to ride on the Wild Adventure Simulator or the miniature railroad, which operates seasonally.

As part of its commitment to conservation and education, the DZI participates in more than 35 Species Survival Plans and many other conservation programs, and provides formal and informal educational programs, which reach over 300,000 school children each year.

GOALS

1. Demonstrate leadership in wildlife conservation and animal welfare.
2. Provide a broad audience with outstanding and unique educational opportunities that lead to the appreciation and stewardship of nature.
3. Inspire our community with engaging, meaningful and memorable experiences.
4. Provide innovative Zoological facilities that contribute to the region's economic vitality.
5. Demonstrate organizational excellence consistent with a commitment to outstanding service and progressive resource management.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$13,699,738	\$3,450,000	\$17,149,738
REVENUES	<u>9,666,530</u>	<u>3,450,000</u>	<u>13,116,530</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 4,033,208	\$ 0	\$ 4,033,208
POSITIONS	171	0	171